THE LONG WHITE SEAM.

- As I came round the harbor buoy, The lights began to gleam, No wave the land locked harbor stirred, The crags were white as cream; And I marked my love by candlelight Sewing her long white seam. It's sye sewing ashore, my dear, Watch and steer at sea; It's reef and furl, and hurl the line, Set sail and think of thee.
- I climbed to reach her cottage door;
 Oh, sweetly my love singre!
 Like a shaft of light her valce breaks forth,
- My soul to meet it springs,
 As the shining water laped of old
 When stirred by ar gel wings.
 Aye, longing to list anew.
 Awake and in my dream,
 But never a song she sang like this,
 Sewing ler long white seam.
- That he ought me in to thee,
 And pe cee drop down on that low roof For the sight that I did see, And the voice, my dear, that rang so clear, For ob, for oh, with brow bent low, By the candle's flickering gleam, wedding gown it was she wrought, Sewing the long white seam.

MISCELLANEOUS.

ATLANTIC MAIL-FIRST-CLASS.

As naturally as a steel needle flies to a magnet so have I felt always ready to hurry to the aid of a lady in distress. I do not say it vauntingly, nor put it forward as a virtue, for the act has generally ! been involuntary; and so it was one day last year, when, having seen my small quantity of personal luggage on board the great screw liner lying at the wherf getwith considerable amusement the arrival of passengers, for the most part excited. worried, and the prey of porters and cabmen, who seem to be troubled with no more perfections in Liverpool than in the metropolis. A lighted cigar was between my lips, and I was trying to enjoy it--for. judging from old experience of my sensations in a rough sea, I did not anticipate much comfort for the next two or three days at the least-when a very ordinarytooking man, evidently a commercial traveler for a cutting house, walked up thought. and asked me for a light, staring at me the while in so offensive a marmer that as I handed my eigar, I glanced down at his eft hand to see that it was not meddling

with my watch-chain. "Looks like a commercial, but may be a

"Going across?" he said abraptly, and, to use what would probably have been his expression, taking stoc's of me the while.

"Going across the wond-Helcelign?" he said again, coolly, and nodding his head toward the great steaming and snorting

"My cigar--tanks!" I said, in a tone meant to be perfectly Belgravian in its hauteur, a si turned aside; for I had met the apperal of a pair of dark eyes-a lady was in distress, and, between porters and bagg se, apparently perfectly bewildered. Are you going on board?" I asked. Yes, oh yes," said the owner of the

eyes, eagerly. "Are you connected with "Er-no, not exact'y," I said, taken somewhat aback; and I felt disposed to say, "Do I look as if I was?"-"Allow me, though-these men!"

"Yes, yes," said the lady; "they ask six shallings for bringing my luggage from the station. Is it correct? "Absurd! No," I said; "half a crown

'is ample." And, espousing the lady's cause, I dismissed the ravenous monsters who prey upon the unprotected, and then sent her higgage on board the Helvellyn, casting more than once a glance aside to see that my new acquaintance was tall, with handsome, well-marked features, very ladylike, and dressed in the first fashion.

"Seems odd," I thought, "traveling quite alone. Strong-minded woman, perhaps." But this latter thought was set aside the next moment as I handed her along the of the saloon door, softly shaking his and now-pray, pray say no more about sensibly affected by the habits of the please." gangway: for there was a quiet earnest, trusting look in her dark eyes; and the an swers she gave to my entreaties that she would not be alarmed at the rushing water, the unersy motion of the steamer, and the pushing, excited crowd, were grateful in the extreme. I felt flattered, and not at all sorr g that such a companion was to share

"If you would lead me to the cabin where I could see the stewardess," she said, and I immediately handed her to the saloon door, where she turned frankly to hold out a well-gloved though rather large hand. "I am indeed much obliged. I am obliged to travel alone; but my husband will meet me on landing at New York, and he will, I know, be extremely grateful for

your kindness." The next moment I was standing alone, confounding her husband, and appealing to fate to know why another should have first seen and secured about the only woman who seemed likely to form an agreeable sharer of my pilgrimage through life. "Nice to be a young, smart-looking fellow," said a voice; and, turning, there

stood the bagman puffing away at his cigar, and staring at me with all his might, though, probably from business habit, he was referring from time to time to a pocketbook he held in his hands. "Now, you know, I never make an impression like that on a lady. I never find the sex a-king my protection, and all that sort of thing. Very nice, though, I should think,

He accompanied his last words with the slightest approach to a wink, and closing the book he poked me with it in the side, when I felt so annoyed that I angrily turned upon my heel and walked to the side, watching the arrival of late passengers; but to my great disgust he followed me, and, heedless of my frowning looks, continued his scrutiny.

I tried very hard to get rid of him, but snubbing was thrown away. Apparently he could not understand that his conduct was obtrusive; and at last, making a virtue of necessity, I suffered him, and he literally hooked himself on to me.

But all the same he seemed to have a shrewd business eye; and while carefully keeping close to me he scrutinized all who came on board till the time for starting had arrived. The cables were cast loose, the screw revolved slowly, then stopped, then revolved again, and the vessel began grandly to move forward, the passengers waving their adieus as they clustered by the side. Then once more the bagman stared me full in the face, looked undecided, walked through the throng on deck, going forward. got in the sailors' way, stared in face after face, as a dog would who sought his master, and then, in the same undecided mannade me turn, to find that it was the bagupon the second-class passenger—a ruffian or loses in a given time, for it is only rising almost into a shrill scream. "I tripped him, and, in another instant, the did you not?" ner, returned to me, and stopped by my man, who laughed softly at my angry face, who was committing an outrageous assault troubling him and yourself needlessly, and mean that she promised me when I left madman, with desparing cry, fell headforeafter he checked himself and drew out an-

other cigar.

"Affects you, you mean," I replied. "Yes, exactly. Curious, though, ain't it? turn in."

Seems as if Nature never meant us to leave the land of our fathers—the place of going to my berth." our birth, as the song says, eh? Ever been "Just as you like," was the nonchalant hold a warrant for your apprehension. "Yes, twice," I said, sharply; and then I walked away, for now, closely veiled, I had fast next morning; "where's my triend And he took up the bag that lay on the

up and asking concerning her welfare, she unwell again—no, not again, because he as he assisted his prisoner to rise, and tore derived from observation and a long train bronze face in his arms at ainst the wall is in good condition after 242 years' wear, was an honest boy. made no demur about taking my arm and seemed to be an old sailor—see if he's in of the veil. "Very clever, very well of experiments, must be remembered. of the room. walking up and down the deck.

ing: for I had the idea in my head that man, was forgotten. after all it was but a bold subteringe by missing. which a single and unprotected woman I immediately recalled his promise to had deluded me through the voyage. wished to shroud herself in the respect open my eyes that day, and also that he "All right, sir, as soon as we can get the region of the clouds. paid to the married of her sex.

an acquaintance.

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puzzled way. "No; I have no friends on sure. meaningly

"I-I thank you," was the hesitating reply, in the most gentle of tenes. "Comdo soon spring up.

"Oh, it is nothing. I-but I am very weak and foolish-I fancied that the man, the gentleman you were speaking to, was

watching us rather particularly. "Yes, yes, I dare say. I think, though, it is his habit. He looked just as earnestly for a boat to have been launched. at me a short time ago, and he has been "Can any gentleman afford any infor- He took me by the button, as he had think he is looking after a runaway young group where I stood. lady, do you?" I added, laughing. In an instant my arm was dropped, and

turned round toward me. I never professed to be very penetrating, but I was keen enough to see that I had lection of seeing him come back into the look that settled it. There's a resemblance rious literature; but I do not despair of sandwiches, and on their arriving at their touched upon a chord which kept bent the two ends of a bow of mystery. I saw too denly encountered a close, searching gaze beard, would have made him look a deal that, but for careful management, the ad-

"Pray excuse my impertinent remark," I meaningless, and uttered without fore- him

My companion, apparently reassured, took | boats when you came aft to speak to him, my arm once more, and uttered a little low "Meaningless, indeed; but for a moment

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said. "You would hardly think that I had never seen that man before to-day." "Acquaintanceships do spring up rather rapidly sometimes," was the meaning reply; and I glanced down, but the speaker's head-was slightly averted, and it seemed

to me that she spoke in husky tones. passengers who showed on deck was stricty limited, in consequence of the state of the weather, and really the offices of farther search, which was, however, futile. lay a secret between Frank Smith, prison- gorgeous, but certainly comfortable." steward and stewardess could have been no sinecure. For my part, I can only own | glances at the second-class passenger; but | dumb.-Belgravia. to being qualmish on the second day, and I he was a quiet, dry-looking, close-shaven paced the deck hopefully in anticipation of the advent of my lady friend. But go on himself up within himself; and he paced deck when I would I was certain to en- the deck to and fro, with his hands behind R. Cowles writes as follows to the accumulated a plentiful quantity of dust. counter the cool, easy-assured nod of the him, in a furtive, thoughtful way, till all Scientific American concerning popular Old Joe's coat was almost white; his shoes beginner, whose consumption of cigars searching was at an end, and the conclu- errors regarding the watch: must have been something enormous. He was as free and obtrusive as ever; but one evening, just as it was turning dark, I had passenger had met his fate.

I poticed that the quiet met at that our interest in the country in th

To my great astonishment, though, after on the instant. after, by the man to whom he had been of real horror she held up her hands, beg- gone so far as to assert that a watch par- reau-a hat-box; and this my bed-a cofspeaking; and this latter seated himself on the opposite side of the table in an abstracted manner, sat thinking for a while, can not bear it. I know all-I have heard two; there is no doubt, however, but that tastes were almost, you remember, plain

The next two days passed pleasantly enough; for, though unwilling to come on acquaintance warm d, if I may use the upon her forehead. term, into something that was at least

band to meet her at New York, only a was considerably elated. I listened that my advances were met. evening to the remarks of a passenger re- I asked myself had I neglected any "Hold on! hold on! shouts the watchspecting the tedium of the trip with a sense of lofty contempt; for I began to no; lover could not have been more attentile the door after him, "How long is it since feel that I was very far gone, and the At- tentive or assiduous as to her welfare. I I set it? lantic seemed to me the brighest of seas, felt wounded; but I was determined not "I can't tell; it must have been ten or overborne by the bluest of skies. I was, in fact, in such a state of ecstasy that I her wishes, I saw to her luggage, and, you remember—it was the day you mended went on deck to look up at the stars for brother or no brother waiting, determined my wife's gold spectacles." an hear before seeking my berth; for to see her to her home. Miss Saviil-Saville! what an old and aristocratic name!—Miss Saville had re- quetry; but I refrained, feeling that it was exactly regulate your watch hanging here? tired, or how glorious it would have been, possible she had taken my attentions as Neither can I regulate it in your pocket

Was I mistaken? Had she not parted we should be debarking. from me a quarter of an hour before to re-Happening to gaze around, I suddenly per day; if fifteen days, it is only one

Impossible! I laughed the next moment; for I knew that my mind was full of one form, and that in the hasty glimpse face, for the breeze was rather brisk. I had obtained I had invested another with the attributes of her I loved.

Yes; her I loved. I was ready to own bulwark, going over the incidents of the hand. past day or so, and making up my mind as to my future proceedings; for I had not deed, sir, I can dispense with your offers of it before." lost all feeling of prudence. I wanted to know something of the lady's antecedents "As you and connections—matters that I concluded ly; for there was a harshness in her voice plain talking to, and now take your watch, could easily be arrived at in conversation that jarred bitterly, and I felt that it was put it in your pocket, and make a mem-

I was standing quite in the shadow beneath one of the quarter-boats, and I had grating voice, that had a saw-sharpening going, move the regulator yourself; the just turned with the intention of descend- sound in its cutting tones. And in a mo- amount of movement it will require to afing, when some one passed me whom I ment the bag was wrested from Miss Sa- feet it a certain quantity you will soon recognized to be the second-class passen- ville's hand and thrown heavily upon the learn, and as that amount differs in every ger; and then for a few moments I heard a deck. Then followed a sudden scuffle, and watch, it becomes necessary to know it in low, murmured conversation at a short I saw her bounce back against the bul- order to regulate it with the greatest nicety; distance, when the man passed me again, wark, and the same grating voice exthis particular knowledge of every watch, recovering himself with an effort. "All your love to Mary!"

door, when a hearty clap on the shoulder struggle, and I was about to throw myself do it until you can tell how much it gains side, as if about to speak; but directly and then added to his former obtrusiveness upon my fellow-passenger—when a strong he will be just as likely to keep your school that night to be true to me until we most into space! by thrusting his hand into my side, as he hand dragged me back, just as there arose watch perpetually wrong as to ever get it should meet again—nay, if we did not meet It was sometime before Thavies whispered to me,

sel begins to affect you," he said, with a eyes for you to-morrow, so look out. from Miss Saville's fettered hand as she lay your hand steady, regulate it yourself, but Thavies, you remember how jealous I was before. There, don't be uppish; come and have a torn and disheveled upon the deck. cigar up in the bows-just one before you "Had not breath to speak before, my to make your watch agree with every absence. So I brought a Bible with me

reply, and he turned away.

"Let me see," said the captain, at break- thousand; but I'm in hopes it is all here." seen the figure of my lady friend emerging who sits third down on the left-Mr. Lis-deck from the saloon door; and upon my going ter? Steward, go and see if Mr. Lister is "Stand up, sir," he said the next minute, ence of plants and animals, a few facts, He burst into wild tears and hid his their possession until a few days since. It

his cabin." I must confess that I thought very little The steward returned with a replyin the non is very becoming, sir. I must do you uniform temperature, we should never have Joe," he said kindly, "think how foolish of the scene around, though I kept, on the negative; when, supposing him to be on the credit of saying that you took me in rain, hail or snow. The water absorbed it was to rest the happiness of your life the various familiar objects we were pass- and Mr. Lister, or as I called him, the bag- but was rather down on your friend."

had invited me to go forward with him an officer from the shore. But there, you The higher we ascend from the earth the The aeronant brushed away his tears nine thousand three hundred and twenty-That she was respectable was undoubt- to smoke a cigar; and, I know not why, a need not mind for a few minutes." ed; but there was a timid, shrinking way strange feeling of interest made me leave "Take me below, officer," was the husky, the perpetual snow on very high moun- "Thavies, you are right," he said, with a about her, so different from the quiet, calm my seat, apologize to Miss Saville, who imploring petition next utsered; and the tains in the very hottest climates. Now, short bysterical laugh. "The shadow beself-posession of a married lady; and I bowed stilly and went below, while I officer was about yielding, when a passen- when, from evaporation, the air is highly ing gone, I am a man again! Forgive my A Connecticut Judge has decided that felt assured that no one whose husband walked forward to a group to find the sub- ger exclaimed, awaited her upon the quay at New York | ject in full discussion. Two of the watch we the readily lay herself open to re- had seen him go forward with a light to aims are upon so short gar between his lips, and perch lansely between his lips, and perch lansely between her oyes, and we've gettin 50 single to the howsprit, but they could not the howsprit.

the steamer, and that the captain was in and never show at all when the officer who watering the earth. - Scientific American. pelled as we are to rely upon the society for all pointed to one fact—that the poor know I was on beard.

"I can only add," I said, "the corroborating up her steam, ready for her race across though the veil was down, my companto go ferward with him, but I declined." "You did not go forward with him?"

> said the captain. vance I had made in the good graces of an who was talking to Mr. Lister late last poor mate have his suspicions of some one logue, under the head of-

"How do you know?" he said, calmly, come the petticoats again." exclaimed, eagerly. "The words were regardless of the many eyes fixed upon "Because I stood by one of the quarter-

> and I also saw you go back.' "Quite right," said the second-class pas-

then, after a moment's silence, the second- for his sex to be for an instant doubted. Joe, I haven't set eyes upon you since that class passenger walked quietly up to the The sergeant was right; the prisoner was night you ran away, when we were caught rect? Quite, eh? Everything in its captain, took him by a button, led him brought back to the scene of his depressible stealing cherries, have I?" apart, and whispered a few words in his dations, and fourteen years' penal servitude "Indeed you have not. The truth is,

the pleasure of smoking my pipe in peace: fixed on me as I went to the saloon; and for the convenience of the owner. The apartment was like ascending a monufor I saw him in deep conversation with a on going to where Miss Saville was seated watchmaker does not absolutely need it, ment, man I had hardly noticed before, from the a strange feeling made me turn my head some fine watches being entirely without "Here, you perceive," said Joe, looking fact of his being one of the second-class for an instant, to see that he was watch- one. It is well known that every in cheerfully around, when he and his friend

so much so, indeed, that I summoned the should be done entirely by the user of the "Ah!" said old Joe, quickly, " you don't deck, the lady passenger was nearly recov- steward to bring wine, for I was afraid the watch. ered, and many a pleasant tete-a-tete I enjoyed. I found her most lady-like, and glass with avidity, shuddering afterward, opinion, which is, that it is especially the thoroughly well informed; while, as our while the cold perspiration stood in beads business of the watchmaker. A customer

mine had indeed been a true surmise; for shock had such an effect upon her that she thing being five minutes too slow this she confessed to having determined to was confined to the cabin to the end of our morning, and ever since you have had it, it travel as Mrs. Saville, there being no hus rather protracted voyage.

in sight of land; and as we slowly steamed on the counter with a whack sufficiently Perhaps I did plume myself on my in I found, to my great joy, that Miss Sahard to do it injury, and with an air which ville was once more visible, though I was plainly says he is much offended, either winning from her so singular an avowal, I not prepared for the constraint with which with the negligence or want of skill of

close together, for in another ten minutes of going. You say ten or fifteen days;

tire to rest? and now this veiled figure that became aware of the second class passenger | third of a minute per day. Now how can glided by me in the darkness, was not this standing close to my elbow, and I could I move the regulator intelligently on such Saville turn wonderingly to me, at the remember when I set it, or when your stairs at divers times under the direction of drank it with eagerness. He waited a cat? same time holding her veil closely to her wife's glasses were mended? for as soon as others. Now meet my frankness in kind; while to recover his balance by means of "It was nothing," I said; "but pray, other one was in, and in the ten or fifteen

"No, no, I thank you, no," she said; "in-

undeserved.

"Let me carry it, Frank Smith," said a then when you have ascertained its rate of ly.

Five minutes after I was at the saloon There was a swaying about, a sharp prefer he should move it, never ask him to a sharp "click-click," and, dizzy with sur- right; that is why I say to you so bluntly, until after death. O, I loved her so, man! managed to lower himself; but no anxiety "How very soon the motion of the ves- "I say, my lad, I'm going to open your prise, I saw the wretch drag a revolver but honestly, if your sight be good and I loved her better than my soul! And, on this score equaled that which had gone the first step in the path; that man has known as Clydesdale Tom.

> for your information, Mr. Frank Smith, I minute in a year." Bank robbery, gentlemen; cool twenty

"Friend"-friend of mine?" I said, in a black coming close by him, but he was not should disappear the very night that our like a sponge filled with water and com-

great trouble respecting the missing man; suspected him was gone, for he did not of so few during a sea voyage, friendships fellow had chosen a dangerous position. I glanced once more at the deathly pale and had, without giving the alarm, allipped | face as the detective led his prisoner be-"But to whom were you alluding?" I and fallen into the see, to be borne under low; and then, giddy with the rush of in an instant by the huge cut-water of the | thought through my brain, I made my way | back to my cabia to stay till the other I shuddered; for I thought that, had I passengers were ashore, when I hastened accepted his invitation, I might have seen | to an hotel, but not as I had hoped, unhim fall, and, if powerless to stay him, seen, for I encountered the officer just re-

staring at every one in turn. You don't mation?" said the captain, addressing the seized the captain, and held me for a few dium-sized, thick-set person of thirty or he said. "What time will we come down,

"There, you need not be ashamed of it. | had never seen before. I saw, and his disguise was as clever as it was possible to be. I was hard pushed, but "No," I replied; "and I have no recol- I felt pretty sure, and at the last I got one rather a rare affair, even in the way of cu- chase some bottles of rum and a box of saloon. But stop," I said, for I had sud- between you that, had he put on a good directed at me; "there is a gentleman here like you, and it was that which made my seen the book myself. Look into the cata-

> "Fourteen years!" I said. "Yes, perhaps more; for it's a bad caseconfidential clerk."

We parted, and I saw no more of the police-officer. From the report of the trial, though, I learned that the police had certain information that the culprit would member Joseph Steele!" one. I was only twenty then-a fact which worst scamp in the world! Of course, I said the captain. "Was he a friend of cernment; and no doubt I formed in the in the name of heaven, have you been your health. culprit's eyes a capital screen, and one since those happy days when we were He opened one of the rum bottles and "Yes," was the almost abrupt reply; and which would make it almost impossible flogged together? Let me think! Why,

was his award. As to the work of that Henry, I have been everywhere-all over For the next three days the number of hard at the man, and then apparently aska otherwise M. Lister, met with foul play, China, too—that was getting low enough, question, when, whatever was the answer, and was sent to his death by a push in the wasn't it? But let us go away from this. he seemed satisfied, and gave orders for a dark-the mystery, if mystery there was, I live near by. Quarters not particularly I was not alone in directing curious er at the bar, and him who was forever

Regulating Watches.

in the watch for the use of the watch- room up five pairs of stairs in a neighbor-I noticed that the quiet man's eyes were maker, when, the fact is, it is principally ing lodging house. The reaching of this ing me from the door; but he disappeared dividual watch has its own whims and had made their ascent, "are my chambers! I had gone into the saloon, the bagman | Full of the event, I was about to tell all | which it differs from another of precisely | This is my library—a single volume, and came strolling in, followed, a short time I knew to my companion; but with a show the same construction; some persons have that volume an almanae; this is my bu-

wearer, which fact brings us face to face She was excessively pale and agitated; with the subject of regulation, which what embarrassed. rushes parting into he shop, exclaiming, I proposed a walk on deck, but it was "Mr. Pivot, my watch is away behind friendship, I was delighted to find that declined; and, to my great sorrow, the time-I missed the train by the confounded

goes too slow. Now I want you to keep But the morning was bright as we came it here till it is right," and he lays it down

"Now, my dear sir," says Mr. Pivot, "do I was ready to upbraid her with co- be reasonable; don't you know that I can't in that clear, diamond-illuminated night, being merely intended to last the voyage; unless I know how long it has been runto have watched the sparkling of the spray, and at last, cold and constrained, we stood ning since last set, so as to know its rate

Miss Saville, allow me to carry that bag; it days since I moved your regulator I have you choose." seems heavy." And I pointed to the lit- done the same to a hundred others; now it now; and I leaned thoughtfully over the the black traveling bag she carried in her don't you see what impossibilities you require of me?"

"Yes; I see how it is, but never thought "I knew it," continues Mr. Pivot," and "As you please, madam," I said, sharp- that's the reason I have given you such a orandum of the date on which it was set; claimed, "Stay your hand, sir, or I'll fire!" no watchmaker can have. But should you is past, Thavies!"

How Rain is Formed.

phenomenon, essential to the very exist- she has been false-" earth's surface would descend in an imper has told me that she loved you very truly, colder we find the atmosphere. Hence and looked up.

"Is-is that a-a friend of yours?" sud- recollect seeing him come back, though for there is the death of my poor mate to diminished, clouds are formed, and the re- ask you, you know. Where shall the banone man had some faint idea of something clear up yet. It seems strange that he sult is rain. Air condenses as it cools, and ouet be set forth? friend here suspected that he was found pressed pours out water which its dimin; old reckless gaiety had come back again, board-at least, only one, I hope," I added, More excited groups formed, and I soon out; and it seems stranger still that he ished capacity cannot hold. How singuinore startling and ghastly than ever. found that search had been made through | should have settled down so quietly after, | lar, yet how simple is the arrangement for | "Any where you choose. But how can

A FIGHT IN A BALLOON.

Mr. HENRY THAVIES was one day searching the Bibliographical shelves of yet had been able to obtain. He was so It is a rare offer. I know the ropes as well preoccupied that he did not notice the ap. as I do my own name, and there ll be no proach of a stranger behind him, and, feel- danger. The fact is, I want to talk with ing a touch upon his arm, he turned in you

some considerable surprise. He found himself face to face with a meso, whom, as well as he remembered, he and where?"

The man said: "Can you tell me whether there is a work n this library by Armand Le Compte, en- agreed. They set off for Green's Gardens titled 'Seven voyages to the Moon?', It is

admirable woman would be destroyed in an night." And I pointed to the second-class else; but, any how, fourteen years will The stranger interrupted him by placing into the swaying basket, feeling very cu make him rather different, and he won't both hands upon his shoulder and staring, with a quiet laugh, into his face.

> recognize me. man, laughing heartily "You don't reup they went. Thavies clung to the edge "Did you know Mr. Lister?" said the sail from Liverpool in the Helcellyn, though What! idle, good-natured, perfectly of the basket, at first in great alarm, but his disguise had been nearly clever enough | worthless Joe Steele!" exclaimed Thavies; | Steele laughed.

off together. As they went along the No speed in the world could have been as Thavies signified assent, and they started street, it was rather evident that in old rapid Joe's case the rolling-stone, if it had not gathered much moss, had unquestionably

and hat the color of ashes.

caprices of action-an individuality by I feel quite as if I were a lord of a castle. takes of the character of the wearer, that fee-bag in the corner! Not altogether an "It is too dreadful!" she exclaimed; "I there is a kind of assimilation between the elaborate display of furniture; but my and then slowly walked passed me and out all. Poor man! here in health last night, the action of the watch is materially and and unassuming! Now take a seat if you 14. Thavies examined about him, some-

> see a chair, do you? Very well! I didn't say take a chair, I said take a seat. Hey, presto, change! The bureau, at my command, transforms itself into a divan!" The visitor seated himself upon the hat-

box. "Now, Joe," he said, "tell me your story; but don't make it long." "At once! Well, as I said to you in the library, I have been everywhere since Who will know the difference! that night of the cherries. Now I am going to the moon!"

To the moon?" "Precisely!" returned Joe, taking a newspaper from his pocket. "Read for Steele, with horrible laughter, rolling up breakfast."

Mr. Thavies read an advertisement, inforth that on that very afternoon a balloon witness the rare fete of strength, produced ed down a dish; and not knowing exactly man's thigh. Gardens by Professor Leporello at pre- Life!" cisely two o'clock." "Are you the aeronaut?" "Harry, you will easily recall to your

my years. It was apparent in my regular staggered a little. Clearly the rum he had "Nay, but I should like to know," said choice of tall-heeled shoes. It is apparent even now in my selection of the attic of "Well, then," said Thaves, faintly, this mansion rather than any other por- "you must allow me a drink to nerve my- was meant for dinner." tion of this house." "How many ascensions have you made?" self, you know. I am not in condition for please; but now I've heard both sides of not avoid a start-one which made Miss uncertainty? or how can you expect me to sponsibility. I have, however, been up- of the spirits, and handed it over. Thavies

your watch was out of my hands some tell me how old friends have been getting the draught, and then steed up deadly on, and all about your own affairs too, if pale. "Well," returned Thavies, slowly, as if prayed.

about to touch upon a doubtful subject; "you know, I suppose, that I am married." man before him. "To Mary Graham, of course."

fell against the wall. "At last, at last!" he murmured broken- the bottles craunched under their feet.

thought you had got over your little whim very brink. for Mary's love long since.

"What do you mean?" be especially careful to avoid attempting of you! I feared she might be false in my

done, indeed, this false hair; and the chig Were the atmosphere, at all times, at a Thavies was much moved. "My dear many years to come. strength of old recollections, pointing out deck, the breakfast was brought to an end, while poor Matthews hadn't a suspicion, by it in evaporation from the sea and the upon such a school-boy vision. My wife the German clothing dealers in that city he could play on a fiddle. He had seen betraveling in a railway train, accompanied upon such a school-boy vision. My wife the German clothing dealers in that city he could play on a fiddle. He had seen betraveling in a railway train, accompanied upon such a school-boy vision. "Take me out of this," said a hoarse ceptible vapor, or cease to be absorbed by and at one time believed she would wit days afterward the man returned with enough. the remark my companion had made was The day passed and evening had arrived, whose name we will call them, and said that he went out in the So this boy, whose name we will call them, and said that he went out in the sai that there would be any husband awaiting with Miss Saville, Rumor's busy tongue for it seemed impossible that the flushed consequently its capability to retain humade. But after a few years, as she had lower to release her from the vow she had blown over, the following was elicited to the flushed consequently its capability to retain humade. But after a few years, as she had lower to release her from the vow she had blown over, the following was elicited to the flushed consequently its capability to retain humade. But after a few years, as she had lower to release her from the vow she had blown over, the following was elicited to the flushed consequently its capability to retain humade. her upon the quay at New York, and that began to announce that Mr. Lister was face, veined and knotted with disappoint midity, is proportionably greater in cold never heard from you since the night of the plaintiff, in a moment of ungardment and rage, could have been that which than in warm air. The air near the sur- your departure, she concluded you had for- dem. Dey ish cavalry boots made to ride face of the earth is warmer than it is in gotten your absurd engagement, and so mit!" she married me."

saturated with vapor-though it be invisi- weakness. Tears, like lears, I know not clairvoyance or second sight is not fortune-"But are you sure you are right, ble-it its temperature is suddenly reduced what they mean; and to be plain, old boy, telling. by cold currents descending from above, I don't care. Away with melancholy, close to the bowsprit; but they could not I hope there's nothing blacker against him, I tude, its capacity to retain moisture is Ask me to dine with you, Harry. I can't | ing a man alive.

His manner had totally changed. The

we dine together since you are to make your ascension at two o'clock, and it is now a quarter past one?" "It is!" exclaimed Steele, in surprise. "Then I must be off instantly." He moved toward the door, but suddenly turned and the Astor Library, in New York, for a came back. "I've a thought, Thavies! book which he had long sought but never Go up in the balloon with me, won't you?

> Thavies was taken a little aback. "I should like to try such an adventure,"

"Any time, anywhere! Some time and somewhere; all right, be assured. Come! After a little further hesitation Thavies at once, stopping by the way only to purdestination found the balloon already in "Oh. yes," returned Mr. Thavies, "I have flated and the crowd gathered to see it off, "Just in the nick of time," said Steele.

"Jump in, old boy!" Thavies stepped rious and doublful, and the aeronaut fol lowed. A band of music commenced to "Don't you recognize me, Harry Tha- play, and the multitude cheered lustily. "Cut off!" shouted Steele. "We've got "Not exactly; but I perceive that you everything, I believe. Yes; all right. Now, don't be nervous, Harry; take hold "That is a merry jest?" returned the of the valve rope; that'll do. Give way." And swaying slowly from side to side,

"Pooh! you can't pitch me out," he said "Look at me! I sit very calmly on "There seems to be some mystery here," I plead as an excuse for my want of dis-

> took a huge swallow. "Now to business. Is the ballast all corplace, I believe? Yes! Then let us make ourselves comfortable. But this advice was quite threwn away

"I don't feel very comfortable, I must confess, Joe," he returned, clinging to the side of the basket with both hands. "1| wish I hadn't come.' They were rising at a great rate now.

Pshaw! that sort of feeling will soon wear off. I experienced it at first." "But it don't wear off in the least." Higher, higher, and higher they flew! Growler

"Look over the edge, Harry?" Thavies, by a great effort of will, ture, far below!

"It's grand," he murmured. "Grand, is it?" repeated Steele, glancing down from the side of the car. "So it is!" thing; you will never see New York in my side.

"I didn't reem analous when I asked you making up your mind." to comp ehend. He had fallen into the extremity of dread and terror. His blood of a refl clive turn, after the first gust of seat that had been forgotten by him thirty

seemed to freeze in his veins. We are alone here. I shall pitch you out, offended her," said the cat. thea sink down comfortably myself, and say you stumbled over a rope and fell. Growler. Then the whole truth flashed upon take of mine."

Henry Thavies-his companion was a "Get up, friend of my soul?" continued his sleeves; "we are called upon the stage; and then addressing an imaginary audidicated under Joe's brown finger, setting ence, "Ladies and gents, you will now "I was springing at a mouse, and I knock- were drift-wood. They are as thick as a

ascension would be made from Green's only on this occasion, entitled 'A Fight for what it was, I smelt it, and just tasted it, Thavies still held on the basket, paralvzed.

min i that from boyhood's happy hour I higher we rise the further we fall. If you head. have had a fancy for being high up in the world. My ambition was of the most exhaused character. This taste developed with alted character. This taste developed with this voice was growing husky, and he black-cat.

Higher we rise the further we had. If you mean, the head of what?" said Growler. How inquisitive you are!" said black-cat.

His voice was growing husky, and he black-cat.

"Heavens have mercy upon me," he The mad aeronant made one spring, his | I'll give you six cents." hand open and eyes wildly staring; but held each other with grips of iron, neither and it caught one of the nails. The shabby accounant paled visibly and their might toward the edge of the car. The basket swaved from side to side, and

dear Joe, I did not expect this. You must sition. Yet still they fought, the weaker that he was doing wrong. A gentleman young man "retired." not give away to foolishness, you know. I going backward until both stood on the standing near had watched him, and now, THERE recently died at Dudley, Mass., "Your hour has come, Harry!" shouted "The dream is over!" returned the other Steele. "Good-bye, old friend, I'll take The wife's name decided the contest.

With one superhuman effort, Thavies "What do I mean?" he cried, his voice darted down between the other's, legs

MR. JOHN E. FOSTER, of Nashua, N. friend," said the second-class passenger, clock you chance to look at, or every and compelled her to swear-then and II., has in his possession a cast-iron fire-"I am much obliged," I said; "but I am panting, as he rose from one knee; "but, watch the owner says will not vary a there—that she would never be your wife. back, three feet in length by two in width, Through all my long, weary pilgrimage it and one inch thick, br ught to this counhas been a comfort in trial, vexation, and try by Governor Endicott, who settled disappointment to think one day perhaps near Salem in 1628, and used by that fam-I should go back to her and find her still lily for many years. More than a hundred To understand the philosophy of this keeping her troth! But now you tell me years ago it was purchased by a member of the Foster family, and has remained in and is capable of withstanding fire for

THE Belfast, Mo., Journal says one of I once knew a little boy who thought

THE President's late Message contains seven words, as reported by a telegraph operator who made the count.

YOUTHS' DEPARTMENT

THEY DIDN'T THINK. BY PHOCEBE CARY. Over a trap was balted With a piece of cheese; It tickled so a little mouse It almost made him sneeze; An old rat said, "There's danger,

Be careful where you go!" 'Nonscuse!" said the other, "I don't think you know! So he walked in boldly-Nobody in slight; First he took a nibble, Then he took a bite: Close the trap together Snapped as quick as wink,

Catching mousey fast there,

'Cause he didn't think, Once a little turkey, Fond of her own way, Wouldn't ask the old ones Where to go or stay; She said, "I'm not a baby, Here I am half-grown; Surely I am big enough To run about alone!"
Off she went, but somebody Hiding saw her pass; Soon like snow her feathers

Covered all the grass. So she made a supper For a sly young mink, Cause she was so headstrong That she wouldn't think. Once there was a robin Lived outside the door, Who wanted to go inside And hop upon the floor. "Oh, no," said the mother,

"You must stay with me; Little birds are safest Sitting in a tree." "I don't care," said robin, And gave his tail a fling, "I don't think the old folks Know quite everything."

Down he flew, and Kitty seized him,
Before he'd time to blink.
"Ob," he cried, "I'm sorry,
But I didn't think."

Now, my little children, You who read this song, Don't you see what trouble Comes of thinking wrong? And can't you take a warning From their dreadful fate, Who began their thinking When it was too late?

Cause you didn't think.

Don't think there's always safety Where no danger shows, Don't suppose you know more Than anybody knows; But when you're warned of ruin, Pause upon the brink, And don't go under headlong.

Two Sides of a Story.

tens of the kitchen door. "Matter enough," said the cat, turning | smokes. her head another way. "Our cook is very A YANKEE inventor claims to have dewish some one would hang her

sion arrived at that our luckless fellow- Most people suppose the regulator is put Joe's quarters were comprised in a little ling the sandwiches and disposing of more this, and threatened to be the death of my shingles on Sunday?" "Why, sir, "Dear, dear!" said Growler. "Pray I didn't want to split wood on Sunday." what has brought it all about?" steadied himself with his feet and peeped of the merest triffe, absolutely nothdown. The sight was strange beyond de- ing; it is her temper. All the servants won't take her physic. I have mixed her scription. All New York in one vast pic- complain of it. I wonder they haven't a dose of vinegar and sand, and she says I

hanged her long ago." "Well, you see," said Growler, "cooks do they, ma?" He got up and stood with folded arms. "Not a drop of milk have I had this sammer evening, said: "It was a beauti-"Now, dear boy, let me tell you some day," said the black cut; "and such a pain ful bright night; the moon made every-

"But what," said Growler, "what is THE Mother's Friend says: "Never re-He burst iato a wild peal of laughter. the immediate cause?" Thavies stared at him perfectly unable beared to me. Such injustice, it is un- Louisville Journal.

"Yes, old boy, your time has come. You there no particular cause this morning?" will never go back to Mary Graham again. "She chose to be angry because I-I "O, nothing worth telling-a mere mis-

> Growler looked at her with such a questo say: "I took the wrong thing for my which have stems about twenty feet high, "Of said Growler, much enlightened.

and it was rather nice and-"You finished it?" suggested Growler.

How inquisitive you are!" said the Growier. "Well, then, of some grand fish that

Little reader, are you like the black

Gambling. "GIVE me a cent and you can pitch one of these rings, and if it catches over a nail

yielding an inch, and both pushing with all "Will you take six rings to pitch again, mind that the interests of this bank reor six cents 9 11 three cent pieces were put into his hand, of the bank, and have a large family to But Thavies felt himself giving away; He stepped off, well satisfied with what he support, I have concluded to leave you in Thavies went toward him quickly. "My his enemy's strength was beyond all oppo- had done, and probably not having an idea your position and retire myself." The

gambling.

"Gambling, sir? "Yes, I did." not given you; you have won them just as | bought him a few months ago. He was a gamblers win money. You have taken dapple-gray stallion, very intelligent, and gone through it, and you can see the end. Now, I advise you to go and give him the

honest boy again. He had hung his head down, but raised it quickly, and his bright, open look, as he said, "I'll do it," will not soon be forgotten. I'll whip you within an inch of your life!" He ran back, and soon emerged from the ring, looking happier than ever. He touched his cap and bowed pleasantly as he ran away to join his comrades. That

and then stand square with the world, an

Peter and His Fiddle.

recently sold a man a pair of boots. A few his uncle play; and it seemed easy by his wife, when a collision happened.

took a seat by his side.

somehow he could not make the tune come out right. Still he kept on trying. An old black spider let herself down from her web, and looked at him in amaze-ment. As to poor Sport, he bore the noise like a hero; but it was too much for him at last: he opened his jaws slowly, and gave a long, mournful howl.

gin with 'Home, sweet home.'

"Ah!" said he, "this is a very-fine toned instrument. Now for a tune! I will be-

So Peter began to play. He handled his

fiddlestick in most excellent time; but

Now, while this was going on, Peter's father and another gentleman were sitting in the library, not far away; and, as the windows were open, of course they heard

all the music. "It's that rascally dog. Sport," said Peter's father, "worrying the pigs again. "It's no pigs," said the other gentle-

I will have him chained up." man: "It sounds to me more like somebody sharpening a saw, Just then Sport's howl came in by way

WE earnestly entreat every young man after he has chosen his vocation, to stick to it. Don't leave it because hard blows are to be struck, or disagreeable work performed. Those who have worked their way up to wealth and usefulness, do not belong to the shiftless and unstable class. but may be reckoned among such as took off their coats, rolled up their sleeves, conquered their prejudices against labor, and manfally bore the heat and burden of the day. Whether upon the old farm, where our fathers toiled diligently, striving to bring the soil to productiveness; in the machine shop or factory, or the thousand other business places that invite honest toil and skill, let the motto ever be: Perse

A MYSTERIOUS JOURNEY .- Going down

Sixry newspapers on the Pacific coast have failed during 1870. THE Mutual Life of Chicago pays its profits to policy-holders only.

States, New York alone excepted. An Irish painter declares, in an advertisement, that among other portraits, he has a representation of "Death as large as

by sawing and splitting cordwood for household consumption. THE idiots throughout the country send one hundred thousand dollars a mouth to the swindling firms in New York city.

THERE are at Manistee, Mich., eight "What's the matter?" said Growler to lawyers and a Judge, and not a man of the black cat, as she sat mumping on the them ever uses liquor in any form, or chews tobacco, and only one of them ever

weight. Suddenly, Steele, who had been devour- "Has'nt she beaten me, and called me a "Boy, why did you take an simful of mother wanted some kindling wood, and

might be managed much more easily." | clearness of her ideas, describing a fine

prove a child barshly for chewing, or

thing as light as a feather!"

wrath had passed, he asked: "But was | years noo. It was found to be still in a . tolerable state of preservation. A MAN was boasting to Lord Palmer-"How, may I ask?" gently inquired ston; "I spend half my income in charity, I assure you; I do, indeed! I give thousands of pounds away. Generosity

sometimes," added His Lordship. tioning expression, that she was compelled | In the Antarctic seas there are sea weeds and with a dismeter so great that they have been collected by mariners in those "Why, the fact was," said the black cat, regions for fuel, under the belief that they

"Well, I should, I believe, if that cook by the paster, for not "bringing up" his "There is no time to lose, Harry. The hadn't come in. As it was, I left the boys as he should, be replied: "I donno 'ow 'tis, sir; I order 'em down to pray night and mornin', and when they won't to down I knocks 'em down-and yet they ain't good! THE Journal de Tours reports the following instance of sang froid in the midst of danger at the battle of Orleans, A

calmly as if nothing had happened. That seemed fair enough, so the boy having had an intimation that it was in-Joe Steele became suddenly grave. "To Thavies caught his shock fairly. Then handed him a cent and took a ring. He tended to dispense with his services, boldly whom!" he asked, looking steadily at the the dreadful struggle commenced. They stepped back to a stake, tossed his ring, entered the office of the President, and said : " Mr. President, I have made up my quire that either you or myself should leave "Six cents," was the answer, and two its service. As you are the leading owner

six cents back and ask him for your penny, man's windows with snowballs. The old gentleman finally rushed out of the house, determined, if possible, to inflict some severe punishment on the offender, saving when he caught the boy: " Now, you raseal, Accordingly, he began to thrash him when the boy immediately commenced laughing, and continued until the old gentleman desisted with the exclamation: "What are you laughing at?" "Well," said the boy, "I'm laughing because you are awfully sold; I ain't the boy! A COUNTRYMAN in England happened to

His wife received a severe contusion bedoubt that he could play a tune off-hand, ed conviviality: "Well you see't collision He did not like to make the attempt be- happened, t' ould woman and I wur all fore the folks; so he found a quiet corner | reet; but when I got o' t' carriage I saw a by the garden fence, where he thought he lot fellows in a terrible state. One sings could try his fiddle in private. There he out, 'Eh, lad, I've gottin my head cut open, seated himself; and Sport, the house-dog, 1'l ha' 20 peownd for this.' 'Twenty peownds, cried another, 'Ise gottin my Peter put the fiddle against his shoulder shoulder out, and I'll have £40 for it." in a very scientific way, and drew the bow When I heard this," continued the cleveslowly across the strings. The sound that 'business man,' "I jumped at t' ould wocame forth was very much like a pre- man straight out, and draw my head right

of chorus. At that both gentlemen ran to the window and looked out; and there they saw Peter with his fiddle,-The Nur-

Keeping to One Thing.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS.

in the world.

PITTSEURGH, it is said, has more newspapers than any other city in the United

A FOND DU LAC, Wis., husband celebrated his wooden wedding the other day

THE per centage of increase of policies in the Washington Life for the last three years have been greater than in any other company in the world.

food of talking of hanging me. I heartily | vised a car in which an invalid can ride up or down a stairway or elevator way, with "Why, what is the matter?" repeated no more exertion than to lift a one pound

PLAYING AT DOCTORS-" Mr. dear. Ada must take some first. Doctors never doare awkward things to bang; you and I An old lady, not remarkable for the

Haven't I told you?" said the black cat, smoking, or swearing." No, never reprove to take a voyage with me, did I? But I pettishly; "it's her temper-what I have him harshly. The only way to core him was. My heart stood still while you were to suffer from it! Everything she breaks is to thrash him within an inch of his life. Ose of the Hutchinsons lately called at Growler was quite indignant; but being the Danvers (Mass.) Pottery for a wagon

covers everything." "Including modesty,

An old agricultural laborer in England tried a muscular method of evangelizing his family. Being remonstrated with

young Mobile had asked his officer for a please; but now I've heard both sides of drink, and the latter was about to pour it "This will be my first on my own re- Steele instantly poured out a tumblerfull | please; but now I ve heard both sides of into the cup which the private held in his possibility. I have however been up of the story, I wonder she didn't hang you." hand, when a hostile bullet carried the cup out of his hand. The young soldier turned to the officer with a smile, and said "Fortunately it was still empty." Then he took the canteen and drank from it as Some few years since one of the clerks in a prominent banking house of Albany,

> before he had time to look about and re- a horse, which, when in good condition, join his companions, laid his hand on his weighed 2,250 pounds, which is enormous, when it is remembered that less than half "My lad, this is your first lesson in that is the weight of an ordinary horse. He was imported from Scotland a few years ago, since which time he has been exhibit-"You staked your penny and won six, ed through the New England States, until last season, when he was purchased and kept at East Brimfield, by Mr. Lewis M. "You did not earn them, and they were Howlett. Mr. R. Baker, of Worcester,

> > A poy was once watching some of his school-fellows as they pelted an old gentle-

peownd for 't."

verance and industry. Stick to one thing, boys, and you will have success.